

## The Commonwealth.

THURSDAY AUGUST 4, 1898.  
SPECIAL ANNOUNCEMENTS.

The Royal is the highest grade baking powder known. Actual tests show it goes one-third further than any other brand.



ROYAL BAKING POWDER CO., NEW YORK.

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## HOFFMAN'S Bargain Counters

Reduced prices on all of our Summer Goods, which we sell at special prices across our BARGAIN COUNTERS.

COUNTER No. 1.—Everything at 5 cents.

COUNTER No. 2.—Everything at 8 cents. Here you save about 50 cents in the \$1.00.

COUNTER No. 3.—Everything at 10 cents. Big values for this small price.

COUNTER No. 4.—Everything at 15 cents. Here you find nice assortments of Hens which formerly sold for 25 cents.

SPECIAL PERCALE SALES.  
Yard wide percale at 6 cents, richly worth 8 cents. These prices are for TEN DAYS to close out Summer Goods.

## TRUNKS! TRUNKS!

If you intend to buy a trunk be sure and see our Roller Tray before you purchase.

Big Lot Valises, Telescopes and Traveling Bags—VERY LOW.

All Summer Dress Goods at greatly reduced prices.

Obelisk Flour fresh from the Mills—every barrel guaranteed pure.

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## Cheapest Collars at N. B. Josey's.

50 Dozens Boys' and Ladies' Standing Collars, 3 cents each; 2 for 5 cents; 25 cents a dozen.

## Hams For Sale.

I have 1500 pounds of Hams for sale.

## FRUIT JARS.

The "Ball" is best Jar on market at moderate price—made on same principle of Lightning. Examine them before buying—

## Celery Plants.

I have a few celery plants for sale. Now ready.

FOR SALE—A second-hand bicycle of first-class make. Apply to THE COMMONWEALTH.

## For Sale.

I offer my horse, buggy and harness for sale. Apply to Miss A. E. Smith.

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## Moved His Shop.

E. H. Hight has moved his barber shop to Main Street Hotel.

Good Buyers on the new Market.

There will be no lack of interest in the new tobacco market. Already the following buyers are here:

Mess. O. D. Hooker, of Hillsboro; Henry Wilkinson and W. T. Clement, of Oxford; C. C. Crompton, of Danville, Va. Mr. W. J. Finch, of Chatham, Va., is here as auctioneer for the season.

Changed Tuesday.

The post-office here changed hands Tuesday. Mr. R. H. Smith who has been postmaster for four years went out Monday evening and Tom Shields took charge Tuesday morning.

For the first time since the war the white people of this good town and remarkably intelligent community had their mail pass here through the hands of a colored official.

It is very unpleasant, but a day will come when the white people of this country will wake up.

Then with the ballot, which is as powerful in the hands of the humblest citizen as in the hands of the chief magistrate of the nation, will they vote down this unholy regime and manage affairs again.

Try MacNair's Blood and Liver Pills. They keep off malaria. E. T. Whitehead & Co. have them.

## LOCAL NEWS.

**MARRIAGE ANNOUNCEMENT.**—Mr. W. E. Bishop has sent out cards announcing the marriage of his sister, Miss Blanche Hall Bishop, to Mr. Luther B. Hyslop, Tuesday, August 9, 1898, at 9:30 a. m. in Trinity church, Scotland Neck.

**WHAT ARE YOU GOING TO DO WITH THAT BOY OF YOURS?**—The catalogue of Oak Ridge Institute helps you to answer this question in the most satisfactory manner. Professors Holt discuss the question at length, in the light of their 23 years experience. Write them.

**LOST HIS FINGERS.**—Walter Crowell, a colored man of this place, was working at the mills of The North Carolina Lumber Co. at Tillery, and had his hand caught in the machinery. His thumb and first three fingers of his right hand were cut off, whirled into the machine and were not found at all.

### About John Odom.

Possibly a stranger to passing events in this community might get a wrong impression from what we said about the killing of John Odom last week. John Odom, a colored man, was found dead in a furnace here several years ago.

It never was thought for a moment that any white people were concerned in the matter at all.

Some colored men upon whom rested suspicion soon left and have not been in this community since.

### Burned to Death.

Mrs. Bowers of this place was called away to Ringwood Saturday to see her sister, Mrs. Roseman, who was badly burned. It was not known when Mrs. Bowers left that her sister was dead, but the following news item from the News & Observer states that Mrs. Roseman died:

"Ringwood, N. C., July 30.—Mrs. Flora Roseman, wife of A. F. Roseman, was terribly burned last evening, from the effect of which she died in a few hours. She was pouring oil in a lighted lamp when the oil can and lamp exploded, her clothes taking fire and burning off her body before any help could reach her. She was a most excellent woman and leaves a husband and several children, one a baby only a few months old."

Mrs. Bowers' friends here will regret to learn such result of the accident and sympathize with her in the affliction.

THE COMMONWEALTH feels sympathy for all who are touched by the sad occurrence.

### County Commissioners' Meeting.

The county commissioners were in regular monthly session last Monday, and finished up the work in one day.

The following accounts were allowed:

C W Dunn, conveying prisoners and burying Joe Williams	14 05
G L Alford, removing raft	6 00
E T Clark, freight county home	1 24
R A Hardy, serving notices	7 80
McM Ferguson, reporting to Board of Equalization	50 00
Geo A Branch, holding inquest	21 60
Joe Williams	
J H Allsbrook, Jr, repair'g bridge	56 52
Deep Creek	
W G Purnell, convey'g prisoner	1 00
W M Cohen, drugs county home	29 10
John Fenner, work court house	1 00
J B Hunter, convey'g prisoner	2 00
McM Ferguson, recording orders	13 30
C H Hale, goods jail	1 33
C H Hale, goods county home	85
J H Norman, goods " "	34 52
W T Parker " " "	15 33
B I Allsbrook, county fence	2 50
Barrell Printing House	8 00
H J Wood, Supt county home	43 87
Moses Williams, jail acct	183 50
H C Faleom, burying paupers	2 00
J T Evans, oil county home	55
T N Harrison, county home	1 10
Allowed Aldeen Anthony, pauper	1 50
" M Norfolk, " "	1 50
Charles Staton, " "	3 00
T N Harrison, quarter salary	12 50

Asked solicitor to call special term criminal court.

R. N. Harper was appointed constable for Brinkleyville township.

### Bobbed the Grave.

A startling incident of which Mr. John Oliver of Philadelphia, was the victim, is narrated by him as follows: "I was in a most dreadful condition. My skin was almost yellow, eyes sunk in, tongue coated, pain continually in back and sides, no appetite—gradually growing weaker day by day. Three physicians had given me up. Fortunately, a friend advised trying 'Electric Bitters,' and to my great joy and surprise, the first bottle made a decided improvement, I continued their use for three weeks, and am now a well man. I know they saved my life, and robbed the grave of another victim. No one should fail to try them. Only 50 cts. per bottle at E. T. Whitehead & Co.'s Drug Store.

The Rev. W. B. Costley, of Stockbridge, Ga., while attending to his pastoral duties at Ellenwood, that state, was attacked by cholera morbus. He says: "By chance I happened to get a hold of a bottle of Chamberlain's Colic, Cholera and Diarrhoea Remedy, and I think it was the means of saving my life. It relieved me at once." For sale by E. T. Whitehead & Co.

## THE MIXING CROWD.

Some Come and Some Go.

AND OF OTHERS WE DO NOT KNOW.

Mr. J. D. Ray was in town last week.

Miss Nora Smith went to Tarboro last week.

Mr. C. T. Cordon, of Washington, was here last week.

Mrs. M. C. Flemming returned from Concho Friday.

Rev. R. H. Herring, of Halifax, was in town last week.

Miss Effie Coker, of Tarboro, was in town last week.

Miss Vira Manning returned from Hamilton Monday.

Mr. W. A. Dunn went to Jackson court Monday on business.

Mrs. Nora Henry went to Tarboro Saturday to visit friends.

Mess. A. McDowell and F. P. Shields went to Raleigh last week.

Miss Mollie Bass, of Hobgood, came up Tuesday to visit friends.

Miss Susie Saunders returned to her home in Grimsland Tuesday.

Misses Lena Harris and Laura Harvill went to Nags Head this week.

Mr. N. Biggs went to Jackson this week to attend to some court interest.

Mr. Claude Kitchin went to Greenville last week on professional business.

Mess. T. C. Harrison and M. V. Burton, of Weldon, spent Monday night here.

Mess. Herbert Britton and N. C. Powell, of Powellsville, were in town this week.

Miss Alice Madrey, of Tarboro, is here on a visit to the family of Mr. Collin Gray.

Rev. D. B. Ricard, of Crisp, came Tuesday. His many friends are glad to see him.

Mrs. Fannie Wakefield came Tuesday to visit her sister, Mrs. S. B. Kitchin.

Mr. A. A. Nicholls, of Tarboro, was here Sunday, shaking hands with his old friends.

Rev. Father Quinn, of New York, was in town last week, the guest of Mrs. A. S. Dunn.

Mrs. C. H. Bell, of Portsmouth, Va., came Friday to visit her parents, Mr. and Mrs. B. I. Allsbrook.

Miss Rosalind Rountree returned to her home in Greenville Tuesday accompanied by Miss Annie Kitchin.

Mr. O. K. Taylor and son, Dan, and Rev. Rufus Bradley went to Williams- ton last week to attend District conference.

Rev. J. N. Booth, of Washington, was in town last week, having come to attend to attend the Union at Dawson.

Mrs. J. E. Bullock returned to her home at Concho Thursday after a few days visit to her mother, Mrs. P. J. Madrey.

Mr. G. W. Phelps and family, of Littleton, have moved here, Mr. Phelps having accepted the call to the Episcopal church. We wish Mr. Phelps much success in his new field of labor and welcome him to the community.

Rev. M. L. Kesler, of Rocky Mount, addressed the B. Y. P. U. here Friday night. His theme was "Responsibility." He handled the subject with great ease although he had had no preparation. Scotland Neck is always pleased to have Mr. Kesler.

Mr. R. L. Hardy was called to Goldsboro Friday on account of the illness and death of his sister, Mrs. Richardson (nee Miss Byah Hardy) whom Scotland Neck remembers as a student in Vine Hill Female Academy last year. THE COMMONWEALTH extends its sympathy.

Mrs. Hardy went Saturday.

Mr. E. L. Bracy who has been for several months in Waterbury, Conn., is home on a visit to his father, Mr. G. W. Bracy. Roy left Scotland Neck a few years ago and engaged in work as a machinist in Richmond. He has developed into a first class machinist, and for the past six or eight months has been in Waterbury, Conn., at work on a newly invented cigarette machine. He will soon go to South America to set up and operate the machines for the inventor. Roy is quite a young man now, and with a few years' more experience he will be a much-travelled young man. We are glad to see Roy improving his time so well. He has a bright and pleasing future.

Rev. A. W. Setzer, pastor of the Baptist church in Greenville, preached in the Baptist church here last Sunday

morning and night. His sermons were strong and forceful and he made glad all who heard him. Mr. Setzer is quite a young man to occupy so important a pastorate, but his sermons here indicate that he is equal to the work. Rather tall, with long arms and piercing eyes, most pleasing enunciation, a strong, clear voice, of easy and graceful gesture, Mr. Setzer easily claims the attention of his audience from the very first, and so finds it easy to speak with proper preparation, which his sermons Sunday showed he had made. There was nothing stiff on the cut-and-dried-order, but an easy flow of language conveying clear thought in a way that showed the speaker was filled with the subject. We have no space for an analysis of the sermons. In the morning he preached from the circumstance of the burning bush which Moses saw, giving the gospel in the burning bush, the mission of the burning bush. At night he preached from the words, "Where is He?" The question referred to Christ, and the speaker beautifully pointed out where Christ has been found in the past, is found now and may be found in the future. He touchingly showed that one of the sweetest realizations of a touch with Christ is in the field of service. The audiences were delighted with the service and Scotland Neck people will be glad to see and hear Mr. Setzer again.

Monday morning at the depot a little covered wagon drawn by a dark mule attracted our attention. Upon inquiry we found it to be Mr. Thomas Pickett's, of Chapel Hill. He had been down to Hamilton and Palmyra looking again over the war paths of the sixties. He says he drilled the first company in Hamilton. He was a member of Co. K Second N. C. Cavalry, and was general drill master.

He drove all the way from Chapel Hill through the country and back and seemed to enjoy looking over the war fields again.

A Sad Death.

The Kinston Free Press in items from Doyers tells of the sad death of Mrs. Dan Richardson, sister of Mr. R. L. Hardy of Scotland Neck, and whose funeral he and his wife attended last week at Goldsboro.

The Dover item in the Free Press says:

"Mrs. Byah Richardson, the estimable young wife of Mr. Dan Richardson, died at her home here to-day of malarial fever, leaving an infant child only a few weeks old. She also leaves two sisters, Mrs. W. T. Hines and Mrs. Alice Hunter, and three brothers, we think, to sorrow with the bereaved young husband. Dan's hosts of friends extend sympathy to him, but only those of us who have had a like experience can fully realize what sorrow he is having to bear. We would not restrain the tears that flow from his anguished heart; they are the outburst of a stream swollen beyond its capacity, but we bid him resign himself to that to which all mankind are destined, remembering that 'tis Jesus calls, and He doeth all things well.'"

### Roanoke Union.

The Roanoke Union of the Tar River Baptist Association was held at Dawson's last week, beginning Friday and closing Sunday night.

There was good attendance every day and a very large crowd on Sunday. Those who attended said it was a fine meeting and the subjects on the programme were ably discussed.

Rev. J. N. Booth was chairman of the meeting and Rev. Mr. Ayers was secretary.

The ministers present were Rev. R. H. Herring, the pastor, Revs. J. W. Powell and M. L. Kesler, of Rocky Mount, A. W. Setzer of Greenville, J. N. Booth, of Washington, N. C., and G. L. Merrell of Hobgood, and Mr. Ayers, who has recently come into this community.

The hospitality of the Dawson's people was in evidence all through the meeting and they well maintained their reputation for free and lavish entertainment.

All who attended the meeting had a good time. And what was better than a simple good time, it was the general feeling that much good will result to the community from the influence of the meeting.

The next session will be held in Washington, N. C., the last week in October, beginning on Friday.

### Valuable to Women.

Especially valuable to women is Brown's Iron Bitters. Backache, nervousness, weakness, strength takes the place of weakness, and the glow of health readily comes to the pallid cheek when this wonderful remedy is taken. For sickly children or overworked men it has no equal. No home should be without this famous remedy. Brown's Iron Bitters is sold by all dealers.

Persons who purchase anything advertised in this paper will do a favor to both the advertiser and the editor by mentioning the fact that they saw the advertisement in The Commonwealth.

## DISTRICT CONFERENCE.

A most Pleasant Meeting at Williamston.

The Warrenton District Conference of the North Carolina Annual Conference of the M. E. Church, South, met in its eighteenth annual session in the beautiful new Methodist church in Williamston, N. C., July 27-30, Dr. J. T. Gibbs, presiding.

Opening sermon was preached Wednesday evening, 8:30 o'clock by Rev. A. B. Goodchild.

Thursday morning after devotional exercises and remarks by Dr. Gibbs touching the conference and the work, the conference proceeded to its regular minute business.

All the pastors in the District were present except J. T. Abernethy and J. R. Tillery. Only 19 delegates were present.

The following schools were represented:—Littleton Female College and Central Academy by Rev. J. M. Rhodes, President of Littleton Female College.

Trinity College by Rev. N. M. Jurney.

Trinity Park High School by Prof. J. F. Bivins, Head master.

Louisburg Female College by Rev. J. E. Underwood.

Warrenton High School by Prof. Graham, Principal.

Rev. T. J. Gattis, colporteur for the North Carolina Conference was present with a nice line of good books.

Thursday afternoon was devoted to a general discussion on the spiritual and financial state of the church—

Revs. P. L. Herman, J. O. Guthrie, J. Sanford, D. D., P. N. Stainback and Messrs. J. T. Flythe and E. S. Dail took part in the discussion.

Delegates to the Annual Conference O. K. Taylor, W. A. Ellison, E. S. Dail and J. T. Flythe. Alternates, W. H. Smithwick and H. C. Spiers.

Revs. A. McCullen, J. C. Jones, J. M. Rhodes, and N. M. Jurney made addresses on Christian Education Friday night.

Rev. N. M. Jurney, Agent for the Braxton Craven Memorial Hall, spoke very earnestly of his specific work—the raising of funds to build an auditorium at Trinity College in honor of the late Dr. Braxton Craven.

He took a collection and subscriptions for the same.

This was a very pleasant conference all the way through.

Dr. Gibbs endeared himself very much to the preachers and the people in the manner in which he presided over the conference.

Sermons were preached by Revs. J. D. Pegram, J. E. Underwood, P. Greening, A. McCullen, T. J. Dailey, J. L. Rumley, Oliver Ryder, R. Bradley, Y. E. Wright, B. F. DeLoatch and W. A. Piland.

The following were recommended to the Annual Conference for admission on trial:

W. A. Piland, J. T. Erwin, Chas. Read, W. H. Brown, B. F. DeLoatch, and W. E. Nicholson.

Williamston is a good place to hold a conference. The people will give you a good place to sleep, and plenty to eat; in fact, will treat you right in every way.

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## PRICES TO SUIT THE TIMES.

Fruit of the loom bleech 4 1/2, 6 1/2.	Androscegin bleech 4 1/2, 6.
Home spun, 4c, 5c.	Machine cotton pr spool, 3c.
Arbuckle's coffee pr lb, 11c.	5c. Baking powders, 4c.
10c. Baking powders, 8c.	Star lye, 7 1/2c.
Octagon soap, 4c.	Starch pr lb, 4c.
5c. Celluloid starch, 4c.	10c. Celluloid starch, 8c.
Nice table tumblers pr doz, 25c.	Nice table goblets pr set, 25c.
Jelly glasses tin tops pr doz, 25c.	Good calicoes pr yard, 4c.
Good writing paper pr quire, 3c.	Good envelopes pr pack of 25, 2c.
Hemp rugs, 2 yds long, 1 yd wide, 90c.	Alarm clocks, 69c.
Butter milk soap per box, 5c.	

Try a pair Hankins & Co. \$2.00 shoes for \$1.35. They are all O. K. We have sold between 300 and 500 pairs of the shoes and have not heard a single complaint from them.

Why not buy from the man who buys and sells for cash and save money?